GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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DIABETES DRUGS UNDER CHARAK SAMHITA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has manufactured some medicines for diabetes as per the Charak Samhita; and

(b) if so, the time by which such medicines are likely to be made available in the market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has not manufactured medicine for diabetes as per the Charak Samhita. However, ICMR has conducted studies on the efficacy of the plant "Vijaysar" mentioned in classical text for treatment of diabetes and found it to be safe and effective. There are some Ayurvedic medicines containing Vijaysar in the market.